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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH NEW FOREIGN SECRETARY

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1. I CALLED TODAY ON THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, COMMODORE JIMENEZ, MAINLY TO DISCUSS WITH HIM SECRETARY KISSINGER'S IEA/OECD PROPOSALS (EMBOFFS ARE ALSO DISCUSSING THESE WITH HIGH DOMINICAN OFFICIALS IN ECONOMIC AGENCIES) AND TO ESTABLISH PERSONAL CONTACT WITH HIM IN HIS NEW CAPACITY.

2. AFTER MAKING ORAL PRESENTATION ALONG LINES REFTTEL, I GAVE JIMENEZ COPIES IN SPANISH OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SPEECHES TO IEA AND OECD TOGETHER WITH AN AIDE-MEMOIRE COVERING THE MATERIAL IN PARAS 3-8 OF REFTTEL. MANY OF THE MAJOR POINTS MADE IN THESE SPEECHES, I EMPHASIZED, WERE SIMILAR TO THOSE MADE BY PRESIDENT BALAGUER IN SPEECH TO THE IDB CONFERENCE TWO WEEKS AGO. THOUGH EVIDENTLY NOT TOO FAMILIAR WITH THE SUBJECT MATTER, JIMENEZ LISTENED CAREFULLY, EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE PRESENTATION AND THE MATERIAL LEFT WITH HIM AND INDICATED THAT THE PROPOSALS WOULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST TO THE
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3. DURING THE EXCHANGE OF PLEASANTRIES, I REFERRED TO THE UNEXPECTEDNESS OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CABINET CHANGES A FEW DAYS AGO. JIMENEZ LAUGHINGLY REMARKED THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS A REAL STATESMAN WHO MADE HIS MOVES WITH "SANGRE FRIA." I NOTED THAT WITH THESE APPOINTMENTS THE SITUATION CREATED BY THE RESIGNATIONS OF THE MILITARY CHIEFS NOW APPEARED TO BE EFFECTIVELY RESOLVED, THOUGH LLUBERES AND LOGRONO STILL REMAINED JOBLESS. JIMENEZ NODDED AND SAID THAT APPOINTMENTS FOR THEM WERE ALSO COMING.

4. JIMENEZ SEEMED IN CHEERFUL SPIRITS THROUGHOUT. AT THE END OF OUR MEETING, HE EXPRESSED SENTIMENTS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION AND SAID HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS WHATEVER MATTERS WE THOUGHT IT USEFUL TO TAKE UP WITH HIM.

5. IN A BRIEF CONVERSATION I HAD WITH SOME PROTOCOL OFFICIALS WHILE WAITING TO SEE THE SECRETARY, THE SUBJECT TURNED TO POSSIBLE CHANGES AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE UNDER THE NEW REGIME. ONE EXPECTATION MENTIONED WAS THAT THERE WOULD BE MORE "DISCIPLINE." A PROPOS, LATEST GOSSIP IS THAT LONG-HAIRED FOREIGN SECRETARIAT EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN ASKED TO GET HAIRCUTS.
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